

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A rifle~~(1)~~, comprising:
 - a stock ~~(2)~~, said stock including with a housing, said housing including
~~(10) provided with a housing sheath; (11) and~~
 - a barrel~~(4)~~, said barrel including (4) having a barrel sleeve, said barrel
sleeve (7) adapted to be removably connecting to received by the housing sheath;
~~(11) of the housing (10) of the stock (2);~~
 - said housing sheath including (11) being provided with a slot, said slot
~~(12) extending longitudinally along said housing sheath; (11);~~
 - said housing sheath further comprising (11) having means (15, 16) for
varying the slot width ~~in the region of the slot (12), characterized in so~~ that the
diameter of the housing sheath adjusts ~~is adjustable~~ to the diameter of the barrel
sleeve ~~using the means (15, 16) for varying the slot width; and~~
 - the barrel sleeve ~~(7) of the barrel (4) being positively lockable with the~~
housing sheath~~(11)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The rifle according to claim 1, wherein characterized
~~in that~~ the means ~~(15, 16)~~ for varying the slot width of the housing sheath ~~(11)~~ are
~~comprised of~~ comprises:

a first screw, said first screw spanning (15) that spans the slot (12) and
being is adapted for tension-biasing; to be tension-biased and
of at least one a second screw for expanding (16) that expands the slot
(12).

3. (Currently Amended) The rifle according to claim 2, wherein the means
for varying the slot with of the housing sheath further comprises:

a third screw, said third screw being adapted for tension-biasing; and
characterized in that a said second screw (16) that expands the slot (12)
is being disposed along said slot (12) between said first and third screws at least
two screws that are adapted to be tension-biased.

4. (Currently Amended) The rifle according to claim 1, wherein:

characterized in that the barrel (4) has a forearm, the forearm being (3) that
is fastened to the barrel (4).

5. (Currently Amended) The rifle according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~characterized in that~~ a latch and a recess in said barrel sleeve for receiving said latch:

said latch including (20) ~~with a latch head (21) is provided~~ for locking the barrel sleeve (7) ~~of the barrel (4) to the housing sheath (11), said latch being~~ slidable ~~slidably carried across the longitudinal axis of the housing sheath (11)~~ ~~in the housing sheath (11) and said the latch head (21) being insertable in a said~~ mating recess (7a) in the barrel sleeve (7).

6. (Currently Amended) The rifle according to claim 5, wherein:

~~characterized in that~~ the recess (7a) is disposed on the circumference of the barrel sleeve (7).

7. (Currently Amended) The rifle according to claim 5, wherein:

~~characterized in that~~ the latch head (21) ~~of the latch (20) is adapted for~~ disengaging to disengage the recess (7a) against the bias of a spring (22).

8. (Currently Amended) The rifle according to claim 5, wherein:

~~characterized in that~~ the latch head (21) has a slant, said slant being disposed (21a) in the direction of insertion of the barrel (4) into the housing (10).

9. (Currently Amended) The rifle according to claim 4, further comprising:
~~characterized in that~~ a bolt guidance (8, 9) is provided between the forearm (3) and the stock (2).

10. (New) A rifle comprising:

a stock, said stock including a housing, said housing including a housing sheath;

a barrel, said barrel including a barrel sleeve, said barrel sleeve removably connecting to the housing sheath;

said housing sheath including a slot, said slot extending longitudinally along said housing sheath;

said housing sheath further comprising means for varying the slot width so that the diameter of the housing sheath adjusts to the diameter of the barrel sleeve;

the barrel sleeve being lockable with the housing sheath;

the rifle further comprising a latch and a recess in the barrel sleeve for receiving the latch, the latch having a latch head for locking the sleeve of the barrel to the housing sheath, the latch being slidable across the longitudinal axis of the housing sheath; and

the recess being disposed on the circumference of the barrel sleeve.

11. (New) A rifle comprising:

a stock, said stock including a housing, said housing including a housing sheath;

a barrel, said barrel including a barrel sleeve, said barrel sleeve removably connecting to the housing sheath;

said housing sheath including a slot, said slot extending longitudinally along said housing sheath;

said housing sheath further comprising means for varying the slot width so that the diameter of the housing sheath adjusts to the diameter of the barrel sleeve;

the barrel sleeve being lockable with the housing sheath, the barrel having a forearm, the forearm being fastened to the barrel; and

the rifle further comprising a bolt guidance between the forearm and the stock.